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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND/OR ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in an Office Action mailed September 15, 2005, the Applicants elect Group II (claims 37-43, 45 and 53-59). In addition, the Examiner has required that Applicants select one protein from 33a-33v and has stated this selection is not an election of species. As this is not an election of species, Applicants chose MR-NGE-166 Δ which is recited in Claim 33m.

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